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WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO NOW?
WELL...

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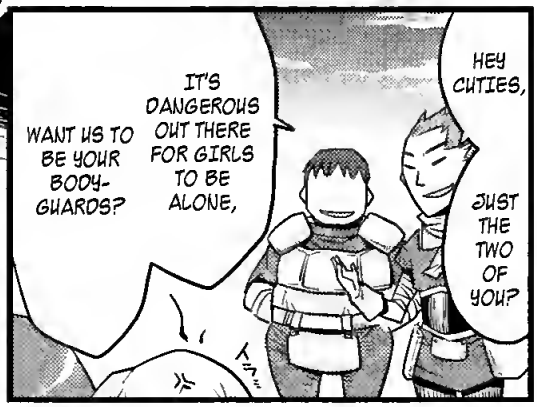
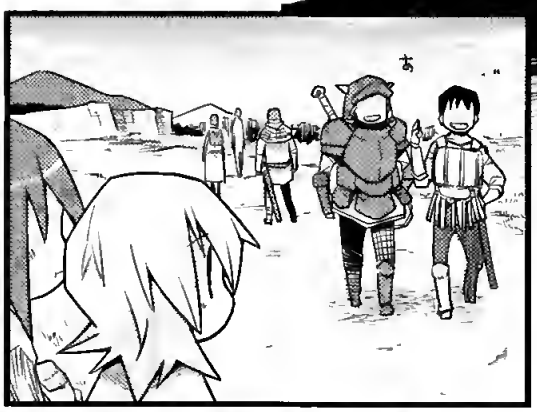
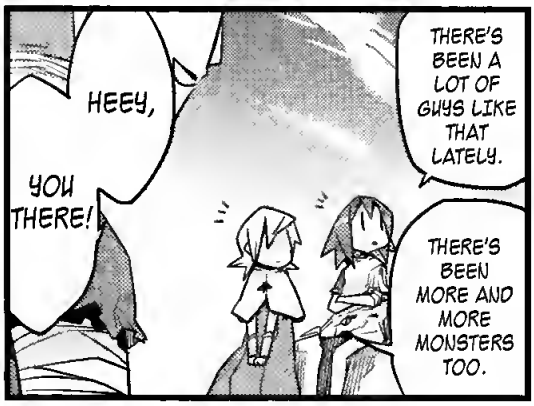
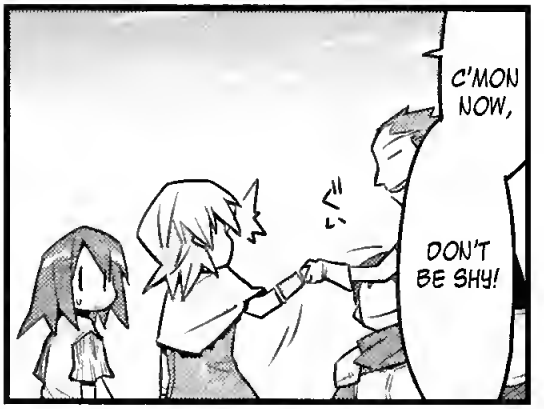

HEY CUTIES,
JUST THE TWO OF YOU?
IT'S DANGEROUS OUT THERE FOR GIRLS TO BE ALONE,
WANT US TO BE YOUR BODY-GUARDS?

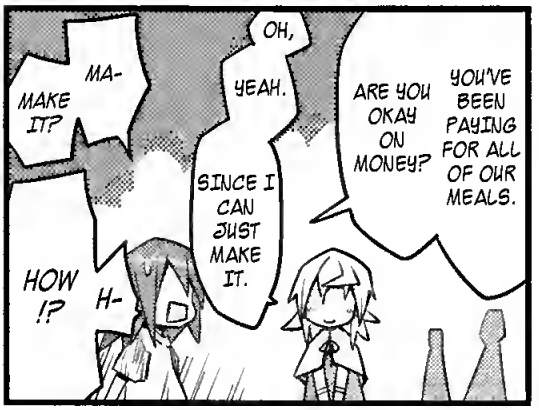


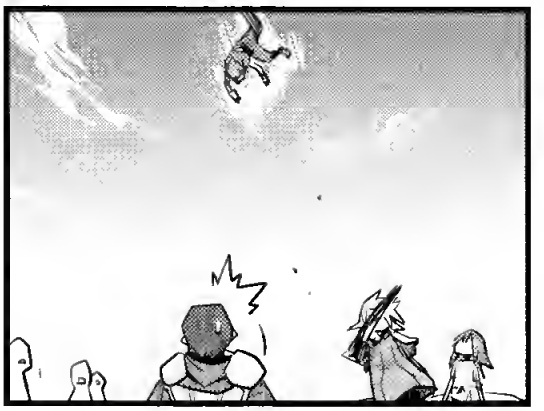
OHH ...
THAT'S OKAY, NO THANK YOU.


HEEY, YOU THERE!
THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF GUYS LIKE THAT LATELY.
THERE'S BEEN MORE AND MORE MONSTERS TOO.

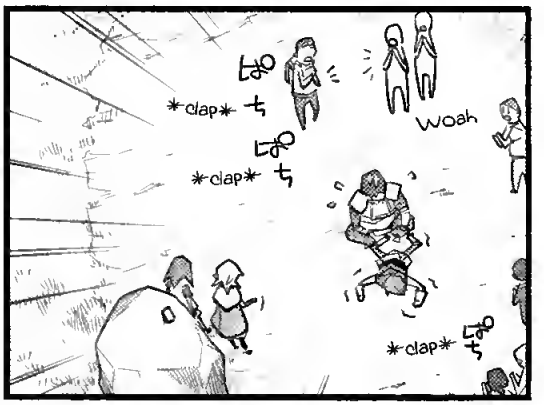
SHE TURNED HIM DOWN
WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THE WORLD...
AHAHA
BY THE WAY, MAO...


C'MON NOW,
DON'T BE SHY!


YOU'VE BEEN PAYING FOR ALL OF OUR MEALS.
ARE YOU OKAY ON MONEY?
OH, YEAH.
SINCE I CAN JUST MAKE IT.
MA- MAKE IT?
HOW !?
H-



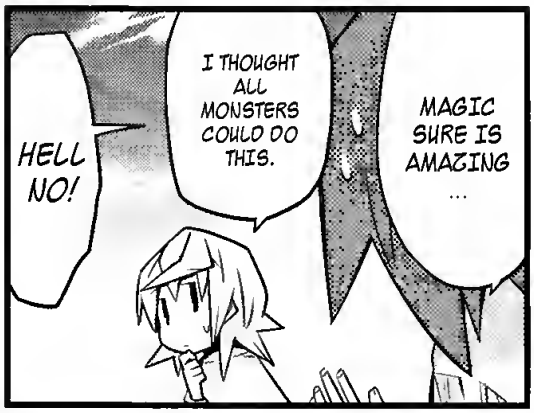
LIKE THIS.
OH.
BUT GOLD COINS ARE KIND OF TOO DETAILED AND HARD TO MAKE.
I'M JUST NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

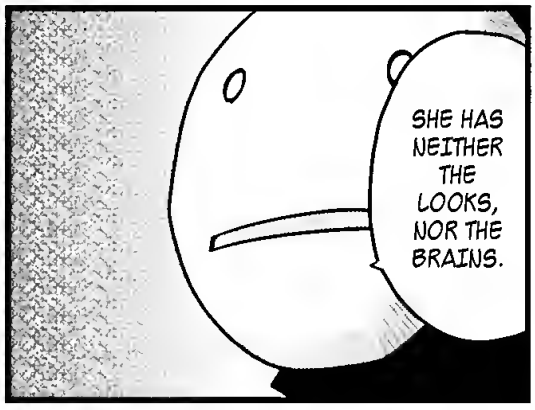

clap
clap
Woah
clap

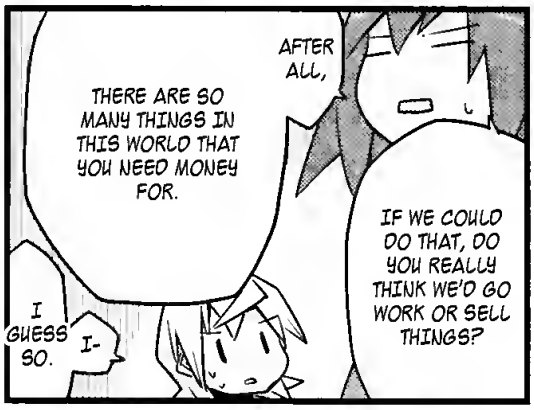
IT'S EASIER TO JUST MAKE GEMS AND THEN EXCHANGE THEM FOR COINS.

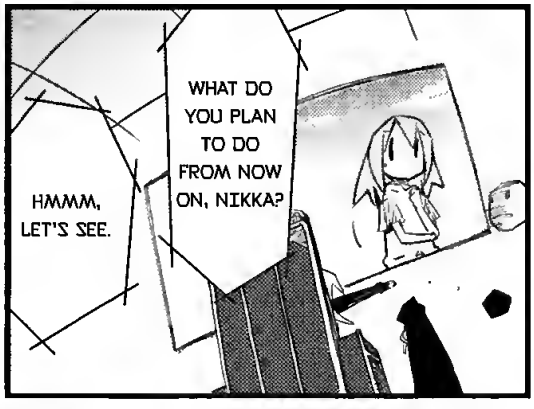
YOU'RE SO STRONG! WANT TO BE MY BODY-GUARD?
!!?

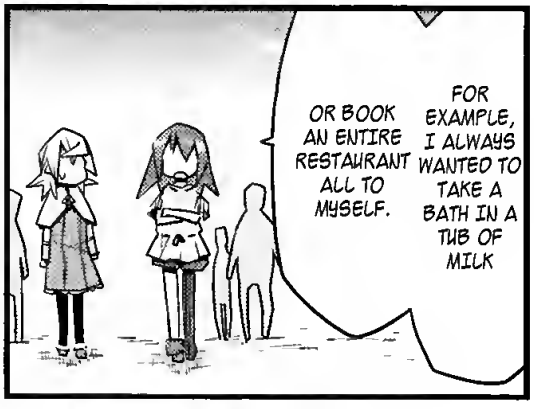
SORRY, I SAID SOME WEIRD STUFF.
GEEZ.
N-NO IT'S OKAY.


I THOUGHT ALL MONSTERS COULD DO THIS.
MAGIC SURE IS AMAZING ...
HELL NO!


SHE HAS NEITHER THE LOOKS, NOR THE BRAINS.

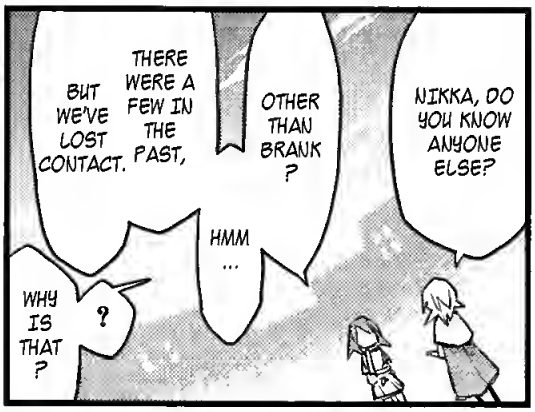

AFTER ALL,
THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS IN THIS WORLD THAT YOU NEED MONEY FOR.
IF WE COULD DO THAT, DO YOU REALLY THINK WE'D GO WORK OR SELL THINGS?
I GUESS SO.
I-


WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO FROM NOW ON, NIKKA?
HMMM, LET'S SEE.

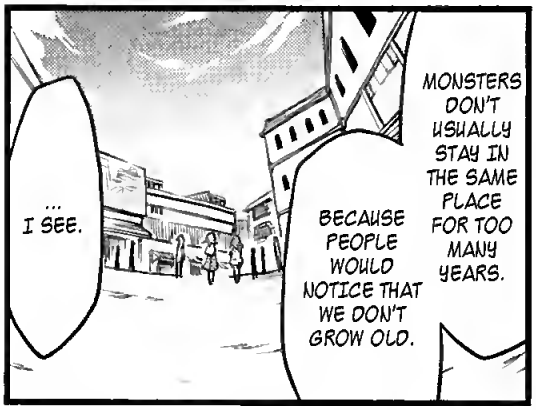

FOR EXAMPLE, I ALWAYS WANTED TO TAKE A BATH IN A TUB OF MILK
OR BOOK AN ENTIRE RESTAURANT ALL TO MYSELF.

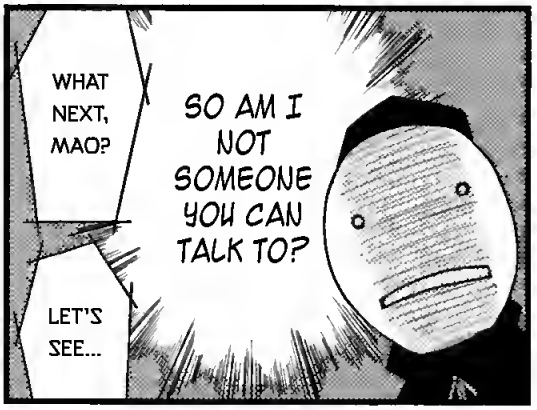
I'M JUST GOING TO FOLLOW YOU, MAO!
AND KEEP ON GETTING FREE MEALS.

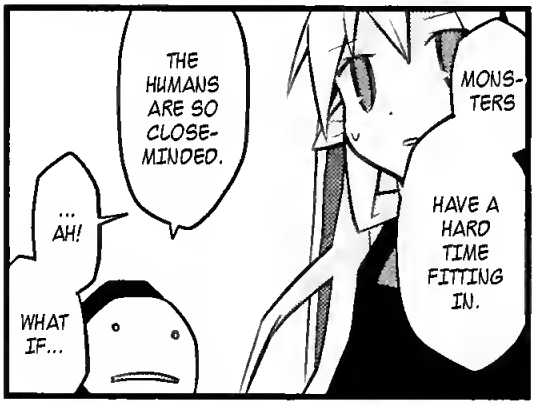
MY DREAM IS TO EAT AND EAT UNTIL THE CHEF COMES OUT AND SAYS "I'M SORRY, WE'RE ALL OUT OF FOOD!"

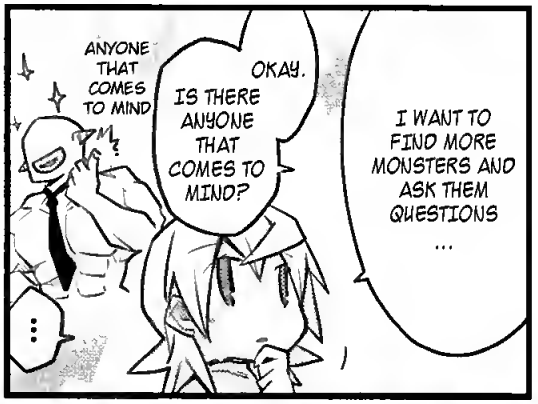

NIKKA, DO YOU KNOW ANYONE ELSE?
OTHER THAN BRANK?
HMM...
THERE WERE A FEW IN THE PAST,
BUT WE'VE LOST CONTACT.
WHY IS THAT?

IS THIS REALLY OKAY?
WELL, IT'D BE NICE TO HAVE SOMEONE TO TALK TO.
I SEE.

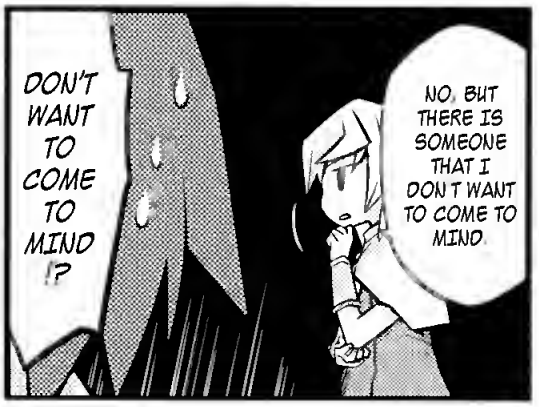

MONSTERS DON'T USUALLY STAY IN THE SAME PLACE FOR TOO MANY YEARS.
BECAUSE PEOPLE WOULD NOTICE THAT WE DON'T GROW OLD.
... I SEE.


SO AM I NOT SOMEONE YOU CAN TALK TO?
WHAT NEXT, MAO?
LET'S SEE...

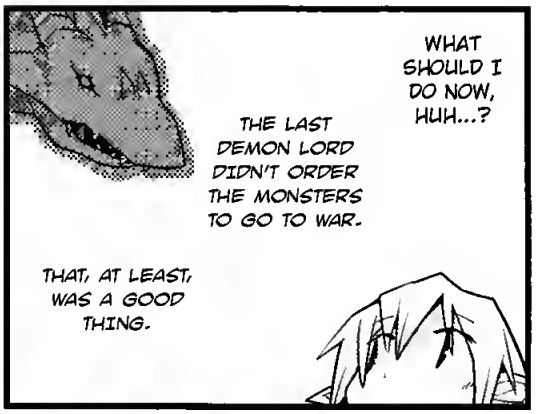

MONSTERS HAVE A HARD TIME FITTING IN.
THE HUMANS ARE SO CLOSE-MINDED.
... AH!
WHAT IF...

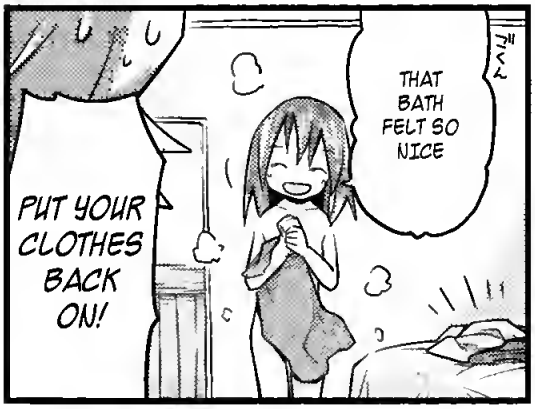

I WANT TO FIND MORE MONSTERS AND ASK THEM QUESTIONS ...
OKAY. IS THERE ANYONE THAT COMES TO MIND?
ANYONE THAT COMES TO MIND

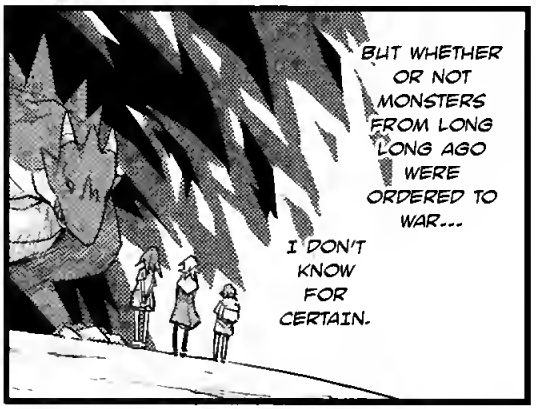
I JUST MAKE IT SO THAT MONSTERS CAN LOOK OLD?
NO WAY!

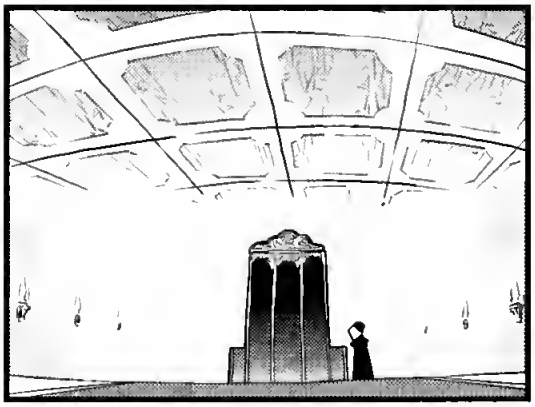

NO, BUT THERE IS SOMEONE THAT I DON'T WANT TO COME TO MIND.
DON'T WANT TO COME TO MIND!?

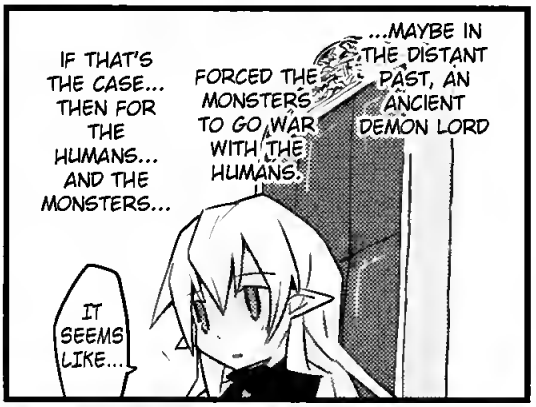
SHOOBE DOO WOOP
WE'LL KEEP ON TRAVEL-ING.
LET'S JUST LEAVE IT LIKE THIS FOR NOW.
TALK TO PEOPLE, EAT MORE FOOD.

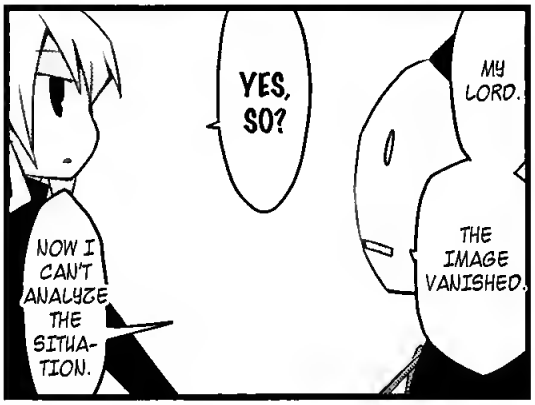

WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW, HUH...?
THE LAST DEMON LORD DIDN'T ORDER THE MONSTERS TO GO TO WAR.
THAT, AT LEAST, WAS A GOOD THING.

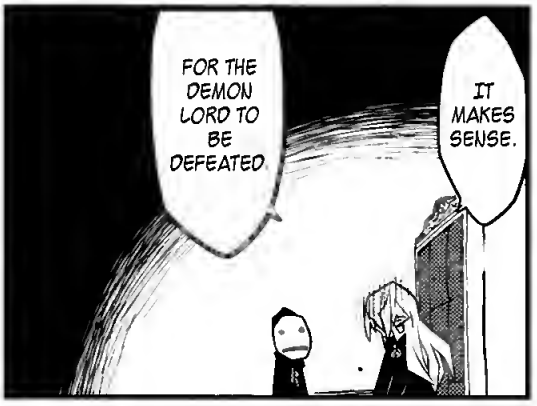

THAT BATH FELT SO NICE
PUT YOUR CLOTHES BACK ON!

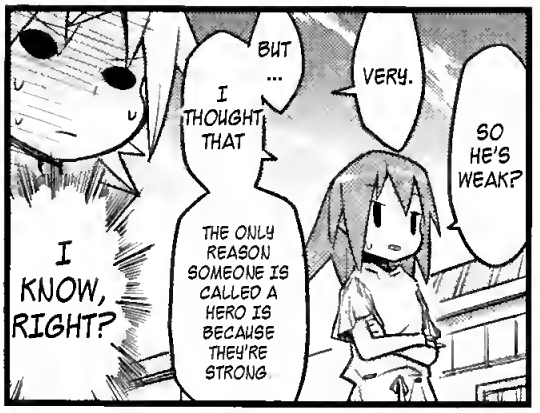

BUT WHETHER OR NOT MONSTERS FROM LONG LONG AGO WERE ORDERED TO WAR...
I DON'T KNOW FOR CERTAIN.

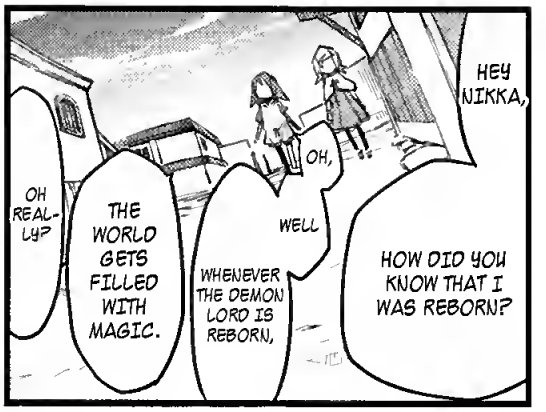



...MAYBE IN THE DISTANT PAST, AN ANCIENT DEMON LORD FORCED THE MONSTERS TO GO WAR WITH THE HUMANS.
IF THAT'S THE CASE... THEN FOR THE HUMANS... AND THE MONSTERS...
IT SEEMS LIKE...

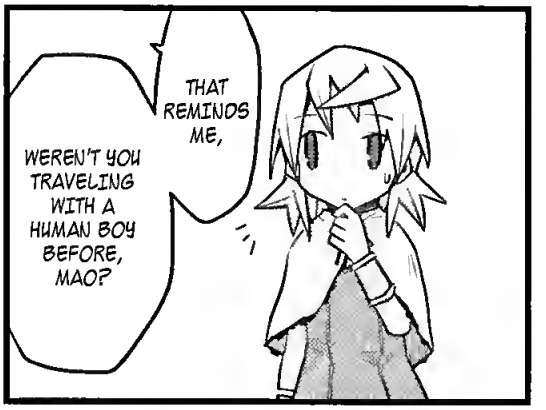

YES, SO?
MY LORD.
THE IMAGE VANISHED.
NOW I CAN'T ANALYZE THE SITUA-TION.


FOR THE DEMON LORD TO BE DEFEATED
IT MAKES SENSE.


I KNOW, RIGHT?
THE ONLY REASON SOMEONE IS CALLED A HERO IS BECAUSE THEY'RE STRONG
I THOUGHT THAT
BUT ...
VERY.
SO HE'S WEAK?

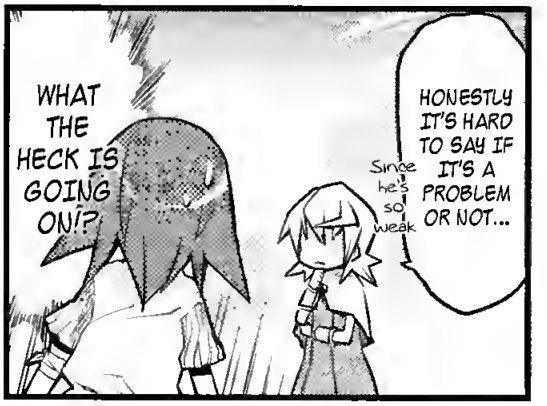

HEY NIKKA,
OH REALLY?
THE WORLD GETS FILLED WITH MAGIC.
WELL
OH,
WHENEVER THE DEMON LORD IS REBORN,
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT I WAS REBORN?

THAT SOUNDS SUPER SUSPI-CIOUS
LEGEND SAYS THE TRUE HERO ALWAYS HAS THE MARK.
YES!
MARK?
BUT
HE HAS THE MARK OF THE HERO.
EEH ...

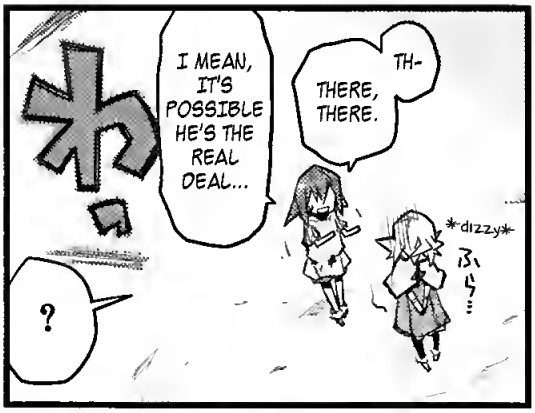

WEREN'T YOU TRAVELING WITH A HUMAN BOY BEFORE, MAO?
THAT REMINDS ME,

THE ONE THAT WE DON'T KNOW IF IT'S A FAKE OR NOT?
OH!
THAT'S RIGHT.
THE HOLY SWORD ...

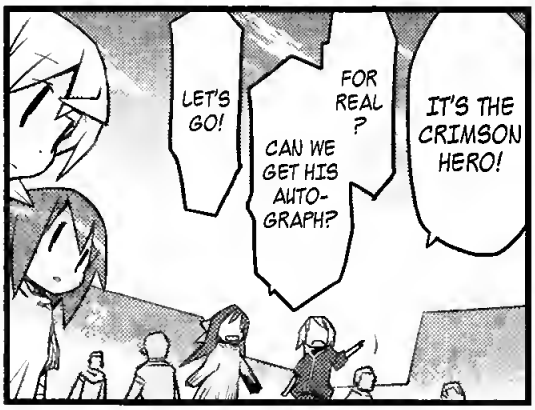
I-
HERO-
HE'S THE HERO.
OH,
MISTER ALSHA ?
ISN'T THAT A PROBLEM !?

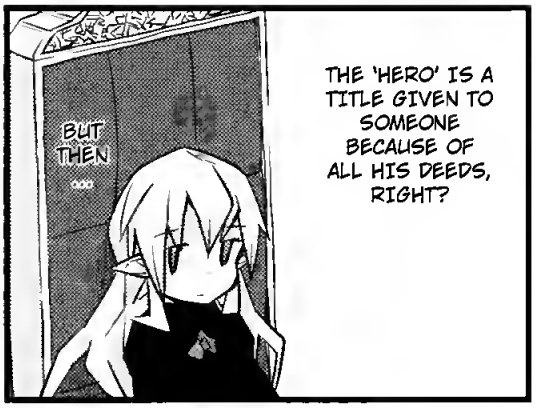

WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON!?
Since he's so weak
HONESTLY IT'S HARD TO SAY IF IT'S A PROBLEM OR NOT...

noise
cheers

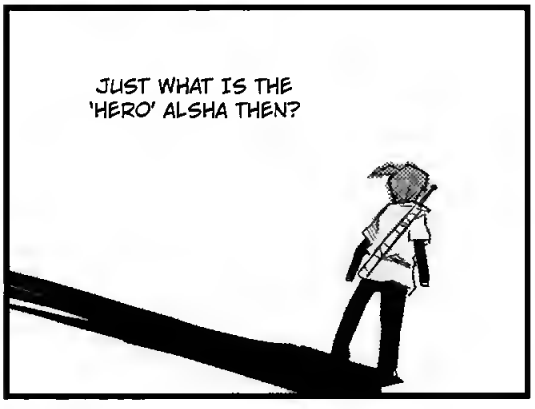

I MEAN, IT'S POSSIBLE HE'S THE REAL DEAL...
TH-
THERE, THERE.
dizzy
?

YEAH.
BUT HE SEEMS STRONG.
THERE IS...
NO MARK, HUH?
TRUE.

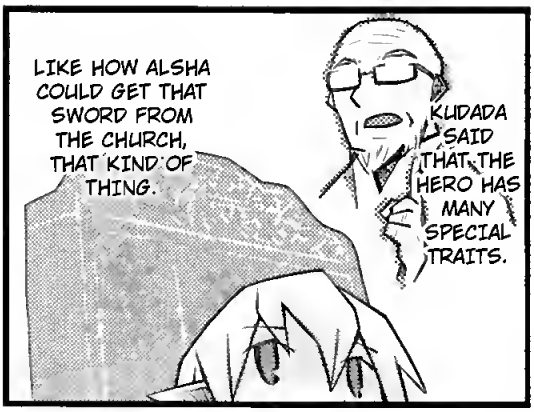

IT'S THE CRIMSON HERO!
FOR REAL?
CAN WE GET HIS AUTO-GRAPH?
LET'S GO!

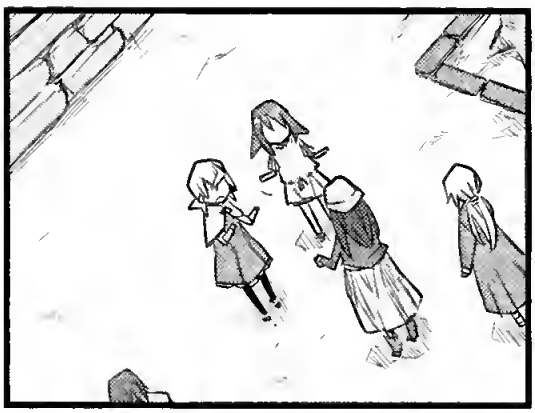

BUT THEN...
THE 'HERO' IS A TITLE GIVEN TO SOMEONE BECAUSE OF ALL HIS DEEDS, RIGHT?

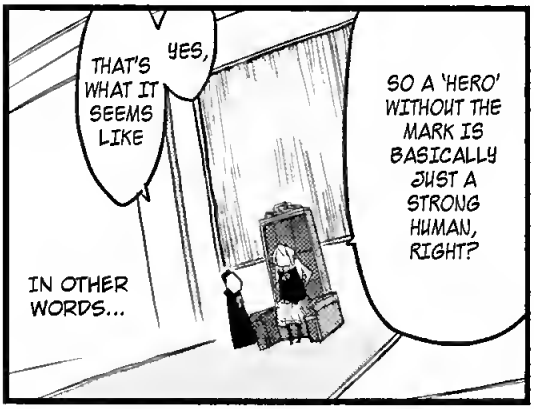
A HERO...
HUH...
HMM...

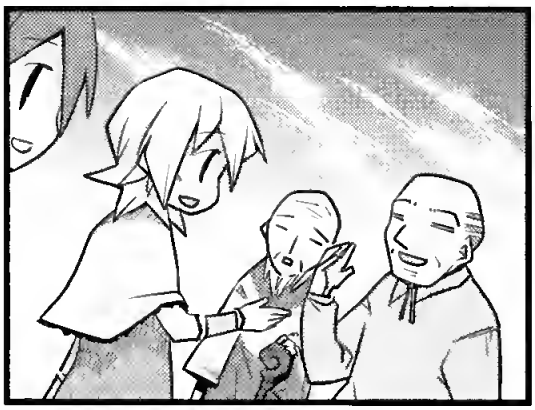

JUST WHAT IS THE 'HERO' ALSHA THEN?

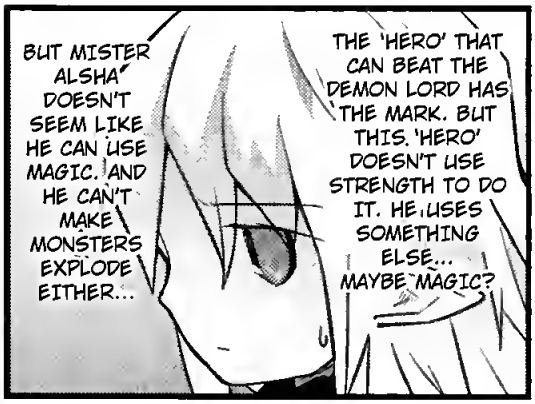
COULD THIS BE THE TRUE HERO?

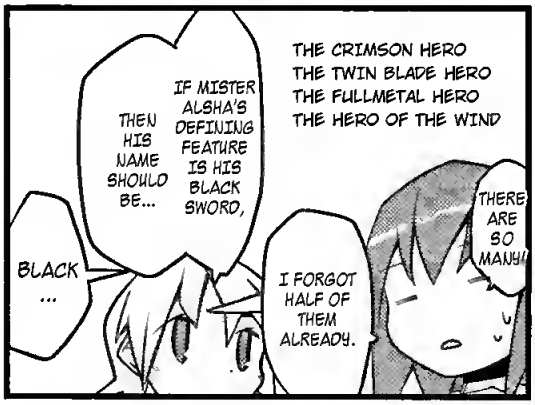

LIKE HOW ALSHA COULD GET THAT SWORD FROM THE CHURCH, THAT KIND OF THING.
KUDADA SAID THAT THE HERO HAS MANY SPECIAL TRAITS.

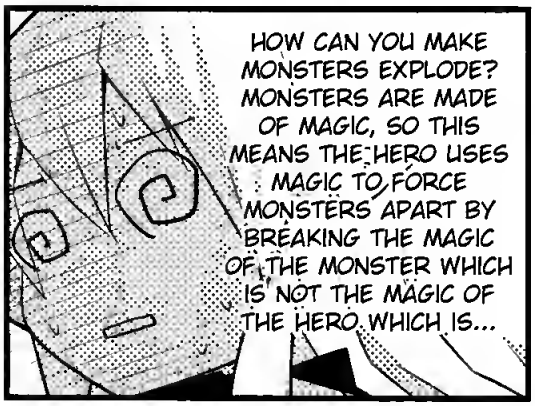


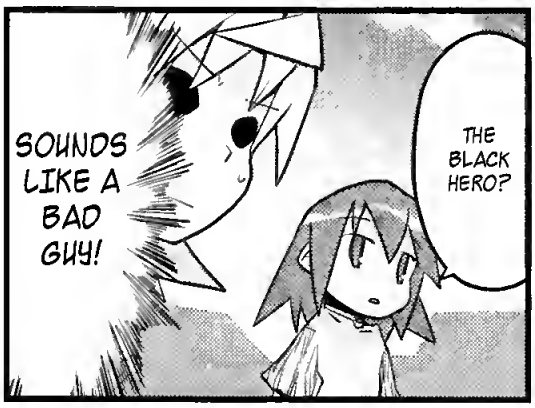

YES, THAT'S WHAT IT SEEMS LIKE
SO A 'HERO' WITHOUT THE MARK IS BASICALLY JUST A STRONG HUMAN, RIGHT?
IN OTHER WORDS...




BUT MISTER ALSHA DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HE CAN USE MAGIC. AND HE CAN'T MAKE MONSTERS EXPLODE EITHER...
THE 'HERO' THAT CAN BEAT THE DEMON LORD HAS THE MARK. BUT THIS 'HERO' DOESN'T USE STRENGTH TO DO IT. HE USES SOMETHING ELSE... MAYBE MAGIC?


THE CRIMSON HERO
THE TWIN BLADE HERO
THE FULLMETAL HERO
THE HERO OF THE WIND
IF MISTER ALSHA'S DEFINING FEATURE IS HIS BLACK SWORD,
THEN HIS NAME SHOULD BE...
BLACK...
I FORGOT HALF OF THEM ALREADY.
THERE ARE SO MANY!


HOW CAN YOU MAKE MONSTERS EXPLODE? MONSTERS ARE MADE OF MAGIC, SO THIS MEANS THE HERO USES MAGIC TO FORCE MONSTERS APART BY BREAKING THE MAGIC OF THE MONSTER WHICH IS NOT THE MAGIC OF THE HERO WHICH IS...


SOUNDS LIKE A BAD GUY!
THE BLACK HERO?

COMET SCANS

I HOPE YOU GUYS ARE READY FOR CUTE GIRLS DOING CUTE THINGS IN FANTASY LAND, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THIS MANGA IS GOING TO BE ABOUT FROM NOW ON!

(ISN'T THIS THE SAME CREDITS PAGE FOR THE LAST TWO CHAPTERS? YES, YES IT IS.)

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